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SURGICAL KIT AND METHOD FOR)	December 10, 2007
PROVIDING STERILIZED EQUIPMENT)	
FOR USE IN SPINAL SURGERY)	

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated October 9, 2007, please consider the following amendments and remarks. The two-month early response period for responding to the final Office Action expired on December 9, 2007, which fell on a Sunday, thereby extending the two-month early response period to December 10, 2007 (the first business day after December 9, 2007). Please charge any additional fees which may be necessary to Deposit Account No. 12-2424, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

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